

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Rosary Cathedral:

No sooner did we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time last weekend, and our Sunday worship today finds us again observing another solemnity: the Birth of John the Baptist. It is not a deliberate attempt to cause us confusion, but the rich liturgical tradition of the Church placing strong emphasis on feasts of great importance. In the case of a Sunday during Ordinary Time, certain solemnities, because of their importance in the faith life of the Church world-wide, take precedence over the normal pattern of scripture readings and presidential prayers. That is the case in celebrating the solemnity of John the Baptist's birth.

On the calendar year, this solemnity is always celebrated on the 24th of June. And to emphasize the importance of this liturgical feast, two celebrations are observed: the first is a vigil Mass observed the day preceding the feast and the second is the Mass observed during the day of the feast.

The reason why this feast takes precedence over the normal readings and prayers for the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time is due to the role John the Baptist provided in the life and ministry of Jesus. As the Lord's herald, this noble saint witnessed the coming of the Lord's anointed, calling all who awaited the arrival of the Messiah to a life of justice and peace – all accomplished through the repentance of sin. A strong piety and devotion developed over the centuries to the point that the observance of this feast was considered a solemnity of the first class.

The date of liturgical feasts, specifically those commemorating the saints, is normally set on the date of their death. The solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist commemorates literally his birth in this mortal life. An additional feast marking the Martyrdom of John the Baptist (his birthday into heaven) is commemorated on August 29.

The life and ministry of John the Baptist provides a starting point for the service we provide one another in this world. Ours is the task, like John the Baptist, to announce the Lord's return to this world. We are called in virtue of our faith in Jesus to ready the world for his Second Coming as he promised. Reflecting on the witness of John and offering our prayers to God for the continued transformation of the world serves bring to fruition the hope of the Church: "Open our ears to his message, and free our hearts to turn from our sins and receive the life of the gospel."

May God bless you all this weekend,
Father Singler

Liturgies for the Week

June 25 – July 1, 2007

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| Monday | 7:00 a.m. | ✠ Richard Guziatek & Family |
| Tuesday | 7:00 a.m. | ✠ Tom Markos |
| Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. | ✠ No Intention |
| Thursday | 7:00 a.m. | ✠ No Intention |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. | ✠ No Intention |
| Saturday | 8:00 a.m. | ✠ No Intention |
| Saturday | 2:00 p.m. | Young - Dietrick Wedding |
| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | ✠ For the Parish |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | ✠ Edward Petroski |
| Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | ✠ Cathern (Wagner) Weissenberger |



Please Pray For

The following have asked for our prayers:

Frank Annarino, Timothy Bohland, Enrique Canales, Augustine Escobar, Jason Greener, Judith Lerner, Robert McDonagh, Grace Nasser, Lydia Ramirez, Mabel Rice, David Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez, Frank Sniadecki and Tess Stallkamp.

READINGS FOR TODAY

In the First Reading, Isaiah 49:1-6

A loyal Servant of God reflects upon his mission. He has been chosen to serve as a guiding light to the nations.

In the Second Reading, Acts 13:22-26

We hear of John's ministry. By conferring a baptism of repentance, he prepared the people to accept Jesus as their savior.

In the Gospel, Luke 1:57-66, 80

Elizabeth gives birth to a son and names him John, thus fulfilling the annunciation made to Zachariah by the angel Gabriel.

Next week's Readings:

July 1, 2007 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Second Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel Luke 9:51-62



Peter's Pence 2007 Collection

Every year the traditional Peter's Pence Collection is taken up throughout the world on or near the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

The proceeds are forwarded to Pope Benedict in Rome, who uses them for emergency relief assistance to those who suffer from war, oppression, disease, and natural disasters. Through these works of charity, a powerful witness of love is given to empower the weak, the defenseless, and the voiceless, and to sustain those who suffer.

The theme for this year's Collection is *Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone*. The theme is based on a September 2006 homily given by Pope Benedict, in which he explained how those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone.

In our Diocese of Toledo Peter's Pence is one of the few national collections that is not covered by our Annual Catholic Appeal. This year, Peter's Pence in our diocese is scheduled for June 30/July 1.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join more than one billion Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

Polka Mass & Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday, June 30, at 4:00 p.m. a Polka Mass will be celebrated at St. Adalbert Church, 3233 Lagrange Street, followed by a Roast Beef Dinner in the school hall. Dinner will be roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, beverages & dessert. Tickets are \$8. Advance tickets will be available in rear of both churches after all weekend Masses or by calling the Parish Office at 419-241-4179.



"Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me."

The Rosary Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Conference is looking for new members to help parishioners and other families in our area. A monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in helping others and would like to learn more about the ministry of the St. Vincent de Paul Conference please call us at 419-245-6563.



A Family Perspective: The question in today's gospel, "What will this child be?" concerns all parents. We spend years trying to influence and shape the answer. Hoping our children will be "strong in spirit", like the Baptist, and also "blessing God" like Zachariah.



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NDA Summer Sports Camps are still accepting campers!

Walk-ins are welcome! Camps

run from mid June through July. We have Soccer, Softball, Basketball and Volleyball camps for any girls in the Toledo and surrounding area, grades 3 - 9. Please contact Mrs. Pam Edgell for further information 419.475.9359.

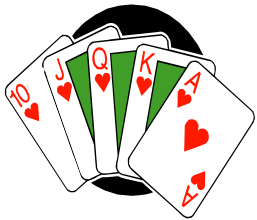
The Sisters of St. Francis are offering a Tutoring Program in math, reading and language arts. Tutoring starts **July 9th and continues through July 20th**. Sessions will be one (1) hour each day (one on one). Your choice of hours and subjects will be considered on a first come basis. This proved to be satisfying to all for the last 20 years. For further information call: Sr. Michaelinda, Tutoring Director at 419-824-3647.

Breast Cancer Support Group, **Second & Fourth Tuesday of every month beginning July 10, 2007, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, The Victory Center, 5532 W. Central Ave., Suite B (in the back of the Dental Group West Building). Drop in or call 419-531-7600 for more information.

The National Marriage Encounter 2007 Great Lakes Family Conference is **July 26-29** at Bowling Green State University. The three-day conference is geared toward families, with activities planned for adults and children to attend both separately and together. Each day features keynote speakers, workshops, and programs for children and teens. The cost of the conference varies, depending on family size and type of room. Meals are included with the conference. More information and registration forms are available at www.marriagefamilyconference2007.org or by contacting Jim and Sue Ariss at 513-542-0594 or cincyariss@aol.com

YOUNG ADULTS
Summer Diocesan Theology on Tap
Monday, July 23, 2007, 8:00-10:00pm

An evening on the SANDPIPER, a cruise on the Maumee River and a chance to see the lights of the new I 280 bridge! Arrival at Jefferson St.(downtown Toledo) dock: 7:30pm. **Board the Sandpiper: 7:45 pm. Departure: 8:00 pm PROMPTLY. Cost: \$15.00 per person** (includes drinks and finger food). Reservation and payments due BEFORE the event. Checks made payable to: YYACM Office, 1933 Spielbusch, Toledo, OH 43604.
DEADLINE: Thursday, July 12. Only 60-70 tickets to be sold. So first to come, first to float! Featured Speaker: Mr. Mark Schissler, Human Resource Director for the Diocese of Toledo. Topic: "God & Faith in the Workplace." Mr. Schissler left the corporate world to use his gifts and talents for the Catholic Church; hear his story and what brought him to this decision in his life. Contact: Sr. Rita Schroeder: rschroeder@toledodiocese.org Ph: 419-244-6711



St. Hyacinth's Senior Annual Card Party will be held in the School Hall at 728 Parkside Boulevard on **Thursday, July 19, 2007 from 12 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.** A hot lunch and beverages will be served. The

School Hall is handicap accessible and air conditioned. Tallies can be purchased at the door for \$7.00. Reservations may be made by calling Isabell Kreft at 419-380-9070.



Mark your calendar for the St. Martin de Porres and Jim Jackson 3 on 3 Basketball Shootout, **Saturday, July 28, 2007** starting at 9:00 a.m. Featuring Jim Jackson formerly of the Phoenix Suns. For boys and girls ages 8 to 18. For more information and

registration/permission forms please contact the Parish Center at 419-241-4544.



Monday, June 25, 2007

Tuesday, June 26, 2007

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

- 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (Café)

Thursday, June 28, 2007

- 10:00 a.m. Tour: Wayman Palmer YMCA Children's Group (Cath)

Friday, June 29, 2007

- 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal – Deacon Bill Keran (Cath)

Saturday, June 30, 2007

- 2:00 p.m. Wedding – Deacon Keran (Cath)

Sunday, July 1, 2007

- 12:15 p.m. Baptism Prep. Class (Act. Rm. II)

PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please notify the Parish Office at 419-244-9575 when you have a telephone number and/or address change so we can keep our records current. New members are always welcome and can register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated at Rosary Cathedral on the third Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m. Parents of first-born children are required to attend a one-hour preparation conference before the baptism. Call the parish office at 419-244-9575 for more information and to register for the conference.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Marriages at Rosary Cathedral are celebrated on Fridays at 5pm or 6pm, Saturdays at 10am, 12 noon, and 2pm. Engaged couples should contact the parish office a minimum of six months in advance in order to complete the necessary preparation. At least one member of the couple MUST be in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard each Saturday from 3-4pm in the Cathedral. Communal Reconciliation services are also held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

HOSPITAL VISITATION:

When admitted to an area hospital, parishioners should contact the Parish Office in order to receive a pastoral visit, the Sacrament of the Sick, or Holy Communion.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in the Bishop's Daily Mass Chapel every First Friday of the Month following daily 7am Mass until 12 noon.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

| DAY & TIME | SAT June 30 4:30 PM | SUN July 1 9:00 AM | SUN July 1 11:00 AM | SAT July 7 4:30 PM | SUN July 8 9:00 AM | SUN July 8 11:00 AM |
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| DEACON | Deacon Keran | Deacon Keran | Deacon Keran | Deacon Henderson | Deacon Henderson | Deacon Henderson |
| LECTORS | 1. C. Keran 2. J. Dillon | 1. E. Glowacki 2. B. Ankenbrandt | 1. J. Etzel 2. S. Avina | 1. S. Blaskovic 2. J. Paden | 1. J. McKittrick 2. B. Ankenbrandt | 1. T. Desmond 2. D. Lippold |
| EXTRA- ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION | 3. J. Zimmer 4. T. Wevers | 3. R. Gackstetter 4. M. Glowacki | 1. R. Knowles 2. M. Knowles 3. S. Lopes 4. R. Angelo 5. D. Pribor 6. Master of Ceremonies | 3. B. Beerbower 4. J. Zimmer | 3. M. L. Snyder 4. K. Wielfaert | 1. S. Avina 2. E. Salazar 3. M. Warrick 4. D. Tomczak 5. M. Tran 6. L. Nordhaus |
| MC's | D. Hoffman | D. Demski | M. Leasor | M. Leasor | D. Hoffman | D. Demski |
| ALTAR SERVERS | A. Dillon <i>Need</i> | C. Gackstetter C. Lightfoot T. Taylor | J. Rodriguez M. Rodriguez M. Marquez | M. Blaskovic G. Hoffman | P. Dysard T. Dysard | K. Ramos J. Ramos |
| USHERS | M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres | C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic | H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn | M. Wagner C. Renner J. Maher M. Torres | C. Dyko C. Toral V. Olvera J. Blaskovic | H. Hanley M. Coleman B. Johnson L. Hemmelgarn |